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### WHAT SHALL THE HARVEST BE?

It is claimed by those who are competent to judge that if the next harvest in a future Manitoba will be bankrupt. While this may, we trust, be an over drawn picture, it is only too obvious to the general observer that the late agricultural returns have indeed justified the cry of "hard times," while all the same "times" may not be as bad as many endeavor to establish. It is a fact as clear as the sun at noon day that much speculation is made upon the crops in embryo as they are. If the coming harvest is a success there is little doubt that it will be the making, or perhaps re-making of Manitoba, as she is already made. All the world over interest is centered on our future grain crops, and already the prophets of Cornucopia have predicted what the harvest shall be. An American exchange published in New York has printed with big headlines MANITOBA CROPS—A PHENOMENAL YIELD OF WHEAT PREDICTED FOR THAT POSITION OF CANADA, and reads as follows:—New York, May 30. A special dispatch from Montreal to the Evening Post says:—"Robt. Watson, Minister of Public Works in the Manitoba Government, who has been here for several days, predicts for the Canadian prairies a phenomenal crop of wheat for the autumn of 1900." While this much resembles the farmer's wife counting the chickens before they are hatched, it is at any rate an encouraging prophecy, if only Hon. Robt. is really also amongst the prophets. There is one characteristic of the people of this country that, while a most helpful one, is perhaps more peculiar to us as a people than almost any other, viz.: our faith in the future. Probably never during the entire history of the Province of Manitoba, has there been two harvests alike, and very few really good ones; but still the people look to a good harvest this year. So far the prospects are blooming, the extraordinarily late though fine seedling and the frequent beneficent showers have made the prospects highly encouraging. The grain is coming up thick and fast, and the hay harvest is pregnant with abundance. All things considered the farmer who after all is "the first creditor of the state" has cause for rejoicing, and if as we fondly hope and believe, the late departure of winter is indicative of its late return, we are justified in expecting "that our barns shall be filled with plenty," and have food for man and beast, and have no complaining in our streets.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Institute was held in the Foresters' Hall on Saturday last, Mr. Wm. Wood presiding. After the general business of the past year had been approved of, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Wm. Wood, President; Jno. Middleton, Vice President; A. M. Bradford, Sec. Treas. Directors—Geo. Freeman, S. H. Greenwood, J. McTurk, T. Montgomery, J. Ives, Chas. Freeman. Auditors, Rev. E. G. Stevenson and W. M. Cunningham. Delegates to Central Institute—A. M. Bradford.

All persons joining the Farmers' Institute before July 1st will have the New West Farmer sent to them for one year free of charge.

ADDRESS BY MR. A. A. REDFORD ON SUMMER FALLOW.

What is our object in summerfallowing? 1. To destroy weeds already growing on the land before they go to seed, plowing should be done before the weeds seed or the plants get too stiff to turn under. 2. To encourage the germination and then kill all the dormant weed seeds lying in the ground. This can be done by repeated surface working, by the use of the harrow or cultivator, and this should be done while the weeds are small, otherwise the harrow will do little good. 3. To completely rot the stubble that has gathered below the surface from repeated fall plowings thus making the soil

more solid and in a better condition to retain moisture in a dry season.

4. To loosen up and sweeten heavy or sour land. The season in which this work is done is most suitable for the purpose. 5. To lessen the amount of work to be done in the fall and spring, when most farmers have more than they can properly accomplish.

Some of the mistakes often made in summerfallowing.

1st. Plowing so late that many of the weed plants have seeded—or the mass of vegetable growth is so large that it is impossible to turn it all under even with a chain.

2nd. Not harrowing soon enough after plowing, making it impossible to destroy the long weeds.

3rd. Discontinuing the use of the harrow too early in the season, thus allowing the weeds to ripen before frost.

4th. Plowing twice for fallow which generally leaves the soil in a loose condition and encourages a rank growth in wet year and also allows the soil to dry out in a season of drought.

We have found that the common two or three horse cultivator is an excellent implement to stir the soil after the ground gets so hard that the harrow will not work to advantage. If a peck or two of grain is sown on the fallow some time in August the cattle will eat it off, keep down any weeds that may come up and also make the ground solid with their hoofs. I would warn the farmers of this district to beware of two weeds that are rapidly getting possession of our farms, namely: Sweet Grass, which ripens in seed during this month and also spreads rapidly by means of its roots, also Sitka or French weed, easily known by its strong smell when crushed in the hand.

The seed stalks of the Sweet Grass should be cut at once as it grows freely from seed, then experiment in destroying it either by sowing late spring grain heavily or by working the roots to the surface and burning them.

The destruction of the French weed is not so easy, and so far hand picking is the only means discovered to get rid of it. This weed is perhaps the worst known in this country, it spreads rapidly, seeds sticking to wheels of wagons, hoods of cattle in the joints of farm machinery and when once established is very difficult to eradicate. If a patch, however small, is found on a farm, it should be pulled by hand at once and no grain sown on the land until you are satisfied that all the seed has germinated.

### MANITOBA CATTLE SUSPECTED OF BEING DISEASED.

AN ANIMAL OF IRONSIDES & GORDON'S SHIPMENT HELD IN ENGLAND FOR EXAMINATION.

Ottawa, June 2.—A communication was received by cable from the high commissioner to-day informing the department of agriculture that a lung of an animal consigned by Messrs. Ironsides & Gordon, of Pilot Mound, Man., to an English firm and landed at Liverpool by the steamer Lake Winnipeg, which sailed from Montreal May 21st, has been reserved for special examination under the microscope by the veterinary officers of the Imperial department of agriculture in consequence of evidence of pulmonary trouble. Sir Charles Tupper is thoroughly alive to the situation, and everything possible is being done to protect Canadian interests. The last investigation which was made by the department in the Province of Manitoba showed an utter absence of disease, but the department has ordered a further particular examination in consequence of the report received from Sir Charles Tupper.

### HIS SIMPLE SINCERITY.

They loved each other devotedly, notwithstanding he weighed 120 and she netted 175. For three hours all the furniture in the room might have been removed and they would not have missed it. "Henry" she murmured, her arms about his neck, "do you love me?" "More than all the world," he answered, sincerely. "And do you love me the same, whatever my moods may be?" "Just the same, dearest." "But not this evening, Henry?" "Why not this evening?" he asked reproachfully. "Because I have such a cold, and am so dull and heavy." "Why, dearest, you are not—" "Stop, Henry," she cooed, as she put her soft hand over her mouth. "Don't you really think I am dull and heavy this evening?" "Henry twisted about just a trifle. "Well, dearest," he hesitated. "If I—I may say so, you are not at all dull, but dearest, you—you are just a wee bit heavy," and he shifted one foot slightly to the north-west.

### A BARE INVENTION.

We were shown on Friday last the photograph of a beautiful and artistic writing desk, the work of Mr. James Ross of Kincardine, and formerly of Lucknow. The "Review" in speaking of it says: "An inventive genius is James Ross, pattern-maker at Grundy Bros. & Co's. stove foundry. For the past three years he has been fashioning in his mind, and afterwards on matter, a secretary and writing desk. Last week he completed it and called in his friends to view this beautiful creature of his ingenuity. It is 63,000 pieces and 124 different kinds of wood, some grown in his own garden, others grown on the sunny slopes of the Pacific. It has revolving doors which open and close noiselessly. The drawers have secret locks and when closed are locked. On a dial fitted near the top of the cabinet is a twelve-pointed star, each point indicating an hour in the day. This star covers only two square inches of space and contains 234 pieces. It is all solid, inside work and beautifully finished. Mr. Ross intends exhibiting it at the Columbian Exposition and we have no doubt he will be amply repaid for the patient, persevering skill with which he contrived to execute so efficiently the design his ingenious brain had conceived." The work of finishing this beautiful piece of furniture was done by Mr. John Jewitt, of the Lucknow Furniture Factory—Sentinel.

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